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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON KIDNAPPING OF BELGIAN AMBASSADOR'S
DAUGHTER IN MEXICO

REF: BRUSSELS 06606

1. MEXICAN GOVT ACCOUNT OF SOME ASPECTS OF THIS CASE ARE AT
SIGNIFICANT VARIANCE WITH BELGIAN FONMIN'S ACCOUNT.

2. SOME TIME AGO DCM HAD OPPORTUNITY, IN CONNECTION WITH
OTHER BUSINESS, FOR A LENGTHY AND RELAXED DISCUSSION WITH THE
VERY SENIOR MEXICAN SECURITY OFFICIAL WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF
THIS CASE. IN COURSE OF THAT TALK SOME ASPECTS OF THIS CASE
WERE DISCUSSED. FOLLOWING EMERGED:

A) THIS VERY SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER MOVED INTO BELGIAN
RESIDENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KIDNAPPING AND REMAINED THERE
UNTIL AMB'S DAUGHTER RELEASED. (WE ALSO HAD THIS INFORMATION
FROM AMB'S WIFE).

B) SECURITY OFFICER DELIBERATELY SET ABOUT CREATING THE
IMAGE OF THE SUFFERING MOTHER AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL PLOY BOUND
TO AFFECT THE KIDNAPPERS. HE, THEREFORE, PUT OUT FALSE
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLAPSE (VARIOUSLY RUMORED AND

REPORTED HERE AS HEART ATTACK OR A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN) OF THE BELGIAN AMB AND SUSTAINED THIS IMAGE WITH FREQUENT VISITS BY A PHYSICIAN WHO WOULD TAKE TEA WITH A PERFECTLY HEALTHY AMB AND THEN DEPART.

C) THIS OFFICIAL DESCRIBED BELGIAN REP SENT TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AS BRIGHT, WELL-INTENTIONED AND POSSIBLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF BELGIAN PSYCHOLOGY, BUT TOTALLY LACKING IN UNDERSTANDING OF MEXICAN PSYCHOLOGY. AN IMPASSE THEREUPON DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR INFORMANT AND THE BELGIAN REP WHICH WAS RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF THE GOM SECURITY OFFICIAL WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE AMB AND HIS WIFE. AS A RESULT, WHILE THE BELGIAN REP REMAINED ON THE SCENE, THE DECISIONS WERE MADE BY THE GOM SECURITY OFFICIAL.
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